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England. The volume will no doubt find a place particularly in English speaking communities where it is important that many of these details be presented to elementary students who find it impossible to examine the larger works and special treatises on the English government. It would be much better if sufficient time and consideration might be given to the study of government so as to render superficial treatises of this character unnecessary.

Charles G. Haines.

ARGUMENTS AND SPEECHES OF WILLIAM MAXWELL EVARTS. Edited with an Introduction by his son, SHERMAN EVARTS. 3 vols. New York: THE MACMILLAN Co. 1919. Vol. I, pp. xxv, 722; Vol. II, pp. 647; Vol. III, pp. vii, 461.

Great judges have their work preserved in the law reports, but great advocates leave no records of their work accessible to the public until some careful sympathetic editor publishes such volumes as these Mr. Evarts gives us of his father's arguments and speeches. William Maxwell Evarts' legal career was so eminent as to give enduring interest to the records of it now collected. Mr. Evarts was counsel for the United States in the Prize Causes of the Civil War, counsel for President Andrew Johnson in the Impeachment Trial, Attorney General in President Johnson's cabinet, counsel for the United States before the Tribunal of Arbitration at Geneva, in 1872, counsel for the Republican party before the Electoral Commission in the Hayes-Tilden disputed election, Secretary of State in President Hayes cabinet and United States senator from New York State 1885-1891. This list represents only the most important of his many activities; as a member of the bar of New York City he was engaged in many notable cases. Volume one contains his most important professional arguments before various tribunals, volume two is devoted to his political speeches and writings and volume three is given up to his commemorative addresses and miscellaneous speeches. To those interested in the history and biography of the American bar this publication will be a delight.

PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION. By HARRIS HAWTHORNE WILDER and BERT WENTWORTH. Boston: THE GORHAM PRESS. 1918. pp. 374.

The authors have made a readable yet scientific attempt to place before the public the various methods of personal identification in use. Particular emphasis, of course, is laid upon the system of fingerprints and a more comprehensive method of classification is suggested. Of particular interest should be two new forms of identification by the palms, and by the soles, an elementary and practical explanation of which is given.

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BRITISH LABOR CONDITIONS AND LEGISLATION. DURING THE WAR. By M. B. HAMMOND. CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE. New York: OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS. 1919. pp. ix, 335.

TAXATION OF CORPORATIONS AND PERSONAL INCOME. By HENRY M. POWELL. New York: CLARK, BOARDMAN Co., LTD. 1919. pp. iv, 400.